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Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12th Street, SW  
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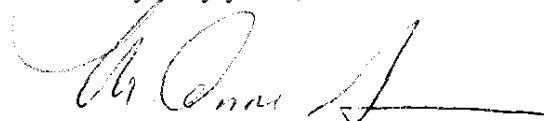
Re: **Notification of ~~Ex~~ Parte Communication**  
**MB Docket Nos. 02-277, 01-235, 96-197, 01-317, and 00-244**

Dear Ms. Dortch

This is to advise you, in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, that on February 11, 2003, George Mahoney, General Counsel and Secretary of Media General, Inc., and I met with Dr. Simon Wilkie, Chief Economist of the FCC, to discuss Media General, Inc.'s interest in repeal of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule in all markets. The discussion addressed Media General's reasons for repeal of the rule; the public interest benefits, such as the delivery of more and better local news, that result from convergence of newspaper and broadcast properties; Media General's experience that there is no "real world" connection between diversity of ownership and viewpoint; Media General's concern over any FCC attempt to craft a single rule to address ownership of various types of media outlets; and economic studies that have been lodged in this proceeding.

As required by section 1.1206(b), two copies of this letter are being submitted for each of the above-referenced dockets.

Very truly yours,



M. Anne Swanson

cc: Dr. Simon Wilkie